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DR. BRZEZINSKI AND WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. POWELL, ICA
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SUBJECT: FIRST MIDDLE EAST PRESS SPOKESMEN'S BRIEFING

FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE FIRST JOINT BRIEFING
BY THE PRESS SPOKESMEN FOR THE UNITED STATES, EGYPT
AAN ISRAEL CONDUCTED THIS AFTERNOON FOLLOWING THE
FOREIGN MINISTERS' FIRST TRILATERAL SESSION. SPOKESMEN
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WERE HODDING CARTER, USA; MR. NADA, EGYPT; MR. LAVIE,

ISRAEL.

GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HODDING CARTER. I AM THE
SPOKESMAN FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE SECRETARY OF
STATE. I HAVE A BRIEF STATEMENT AND THEN I AND MY

COLLEAGUES WILL TAKE QUESTIONS. THE MEETING LASTED FOR THREE HOURS AND A HALF. THERE WAS A SHORT PAUSE FOR COFFEE, NOT MORE THAN TEN MINUTES SOMEWHERE ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE MEETING. EACH SIDE REVIEWED THE OBJECTIVES AND ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF ITS PROPOSALS.

THE PARTIES BEGAN THE PROCESS OF EXCHANGING VIEWS AND CLARIFYING ELEMENTS OF THE TWO PROPOSALS WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING AND NARROWING THE AREAS OF DIFFERENCE. EACH SIDE ASKED QUESTIONS AND PROVIDED ANSWERS TO THE OTHERS QUESTIONS. THE TALKS, THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS, WERE SERIOUS AND THOROUGH DISCUSSIONS. THE GROUP WORKED IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD AND BUSINESSLIKE WAY. THAT'S THE EXTENT OF THE FORMAL PRESENTATION. THE FULL GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN AT 4: O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON. FUTURE MEETINGS ARE NOT SET, MORE ARE PLANNED. AS TO WHAT MAY HAPPEN TONIGHT OR WHAT MAY HAPPEN TOMORROW THERE SIMPLY ISN'T ANY KIND OF A SCHEDULE. THE SECRETARY HAS, AS I BELIEVE MOST OF YOU KNOW OR SHOULD KNOW FROM THE POOL, MET LAST NIGHT WITH THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS SEPARATELY. TO REPEAT MYSELF, THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING WILL BE AGAIN A TRILATERAL MEETING TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS BEGUN THIS MORNING. WE HAVE IN THE ROOM 19 PEOPLE. THERE WERE INSIDE THE ROOM THREE PEOPLE FROM EACH SIDE AT THE TABLE, WHICH COMES TO NINE. THERE WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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THEN ANOTHER TEN SITTING AROUND THE ROOM IN CHAIRS, THIS IS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CASTLE. I WILL NOW ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO TAKE QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: MAY I ASK THE EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN WHETHER HE FEELS THE DISCUSSIONS SO FAR HAVE NARROWED ANY OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PARTIES?

NADA: I WILL NOT MAKE ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON WHAT MR. CARTER HAS SAID. AS HE HAS SAID, THE TALKS WERE SERIOUS AND THOROUGH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WERE MADE. WE WILL MEET AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON, AND WILL NOT ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT ALREADY HAS BEEN SAID. THANK YOU.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (ARE THE TALKS MORE FORMAL THAN YOU ANTICIPATED?)

CARTER: NO, I DON'T THINK THE QUESTIONS OF MORE FORMAL QUESTIONS. AS A MATTER OF FACT I THINK THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE CASTLE ITSELF AND THE MEETING ROOM WOULD NOT LEND ITSELF TO THE NOTION OF HIGH FORMALITY.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (HAS THE U.S. OFFERED ANY IDEAS OR PROPOSALS OF ITS OWN?)

CARTER: NO, I MIGHT SAY ON THAT REGARD, WHILE THE SECRETARY OPENED THE MEETING AND HAD A FEW THINGS TO SAY VERY BRIEFLY, THE BODY OF THE CONVERSATION, THE DISCUSSION WAS CARRIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO NATIONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

QUESTION: HODDING, THAT BEING THE CASE, I WOULD INVITE YOUR COMMENTS (REMAINDER OF QUESTION GARBLED BUT GIST WAS TO ASK THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN SPOKESMEN WHETHER EACH WOULD SAY NOW THAT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE RESUMED).
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LAVIE: I WOULD CERTAINLY CHARACTERIZE AS STRAIGHT, DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. I WOULDN'T SAY IT WAS RESUMING BUT IT WAS A BUSINESSLIKE CONFERENCE AND I WOULD CHARACTERIZE IT AS STRAIGHT, DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AS IT TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING.

NADA: WE ARE HERE NOW AT THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH IS MAKING AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE TALKS START AGAIN, IF WE FIND ENCOURAGING ELEMENTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE STARTING AGAIN.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (SO YOU ARE IN DISAGREEMENT WITH THE ISRAELI SPOKESMAN?)

CARTER: I THINK WE MAY BE IN SEMANTICS HERE.

QUESTIONS: INAUDIBLE. (IMPORTANT SEMANTICS)

CATER: I UNDERSTAND THAT. I HAVE TOLD YOU WHAT TOOK PLACE IN THE PROCESS THERE.

QUESTION: I UNDERSTAND, BUT I WANT AN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI EVALUATION WHETHER THEY THINK DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE RESUMED. ONE SUGGESTED YES, THE OTHER NO.

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CARTER: WELL, THAT'S OVERSTATING BOTH.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS MEANS WITHOUT
THE PARTICIPATION OF ANOTHER PARTY).

CARTER: WELL, TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, I TOLD YOU ALL
THREE PARTIES WERE IN THERE AT THE SAME TIME.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE (VANCE DID GO?)

CARTER: YES, HE (SECRETARY VANCE) OPENED THE DISCUSSIONS
AND OCCASIONALLY ASKED A QUESTION.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

CARTER: BOTH SIDES ARE OBVIOUSLY DISCUSSING PLANS THAT
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THEY HAVE PRESENTED.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

NADA: OUR PROPOSALS ARE THERE AND WE ARE ASKING FOR
RESPONSE AND WE ARE WAITING TO GET THE COMMENTS AND
REACTION OF THE ISRAELIS TO OUR PROPOSALS WHICH ARE
THERE AND ON THE TABLE.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (GIVE OUT NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS?)

CARTER: YES, THEN I'LL ASK EACH OF THE OTHERS ...
I DO HAVE THE LIST. AT THE TABLE IN THE ROOM WERE
MR. VANCE, MR. SAUNDERS, MR. ATHERTON. ALSO IN THE
ROOM WERE AMBASSADORS EILTS AND LEWIS, ALSO MR. QUANDT
FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND ALSO MICHAEL
STERNER FROM THE MIDDLE EASTERN BUREAU AT STATE, ALSO
ME.

QUESTION: DID MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION
PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS?

CARTER: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SECRETARY VANCE, THE
ANSWER IS NO.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

CARTER: NO, THIS IS EARLY TIMES. WE ARE JUST IN THE
PROCESS OF DOING, DESPITE THE FACT THIS MAY SHOULD
LIKE BILLIGSGATE, WHAT I JUST GAVE YOU. THIS IS AN
ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF WHAT TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING
AND THAT PROCESS WILL RESUME THIS AFTERNOON.

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QUESTION: INAUDIBLE (ISRAELI PARTICIPANTS).

LAVIE: ON THE ISRAELI SIDE WAS MR. DAYAN, AMBASSADOR
DINITZ AND THE GENERAL ATTORNEY PROFESSOR BARAK AT
THE TABLE. BEHIND THEM WERE MR. ROSENNE, MYSELF AND
MR. RUBENSTEIN.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (ISRAELI PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE?)

LAVIE: YES, OUR PROPOSAL HAS BEEN AT THE AGENDA THIS
MORNING, IT WAS PRESENTED AND WE ANSWERED QUESTIONS
AND CLARIFICATIONS WE WERE ASKED BY THE EGYPTIAN
DELEGATION.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (DID THEY GET INTO AREA OF WHAT
WIESMANN BROUGHT BACK FROM HIS TALKS WITH SADAT?)

LAVIE: MR. WEISMANN'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PROPOSED
WERE NOT BROUGHT UP TODAY AT THE MEETING AT ALL. IT
WASN'T PROBABLY RELEVANT TO IT.

QUESTION: (INAUDIBLE -- NAMES OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION).

NADA: IT WAS MINISTER MOHAMMED KAMEL, AMBASSADOR
OSAMA EL BAZ, AMBASSADOR AHMED MAHER, AMBASSADOR
NABIL EL ARABY, MR. ABDEL RAOUF EL RIDI.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (TO EGYPTIAN: YOU DON'T BELIEVE
DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE RESUMED AND WHETHER THEY WILL,
DEPENDS UPON OUTCOME OF THESE TALKS?)

NADA: WELL, IF I TRY TO PUT IT SIMPLY AND
STRAIGHTFOWARD WE ARE HERE AT THE INVITATION OF
PRESIDENT CARTER. WE CAME HERE TO LONDON TO HAVE THESE
TALKS TO SEE IF THERE IS A CHANCE TO PROCEED AND TO
RESUME THE TALKS. SO THESE TALKS ARE TO PREPARE FOR
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FURTHER TALKS IF THERE ARE ENOUGH GROUNDS TO JUSTIFY
THEM.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

LAVIE: WE WERE INVITED AS WELL AND WE CAME AND WE ARE
VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THESE DIRECT TALKS THAT WE HAD
THIS MORNING AND THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS
WAS ACTUALLY I WOULD SAY THREE OUT OF THREE AND A HALF
HOURS.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE

LAVIE: I CALL THAT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

QUESTION: MR. LAVIE ... (INAUDIBLE). (ANY NEW IDEAS,
CONSIDERING BOTH ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS HAVE REJECTED ONE
ANOTHER'S PROPOSALS?).

LAVIE: I CAN'T SAY AT THIS STAGE THERE WERE REFUSALS.
WE WERE ELABORATING ON OUR PROPOSALS IN ANSWER TO THE
QUESTIONS THAT WE WERE ASKED. THE SAME HAPPENED TO THE
EGYPTIAN DELEGATION. AND ON THIS OCCASION I CAN ONLY PAY
A COMPLIMENT TO THE DELEGATION OF EGYPT THAT PRESENTED
ITS PROPOSALS IN THE MOST I WOULD SAY INTELLIGENT SINCERE
WAY.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (TO TWO DELEGATIONS: DID YOU FIND
ANY POINTS OF CONTACT IN PROPOSALS?)

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CARTER: I THINK I AM GOING TO ANSWER THIS ONE BECAUSE
THE PROCESS WE WERE GOING THROUGH WAS AN ATTEMPT TO
IDENTIFY AND NARROW AREAS OF DIFFERENCE. THAT PROCESS
IS NOT OVER AND I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN A
PROCESS WHICH IS NOT OVER, THAT IS A PROCESS, IT'LL BE
USEFUL TO TRY TO SAY THAT A NUMBER OF ELEMENTS HAVE
BEEN SEPARATED OUT OR AGREED ON OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT.
WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF WHAT HAS BEEN A LONG PROCESS AND
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WILL GO ON AGAIN AT SOME LENGTH THIS
AFTERNOON.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (ARE YOU SEEKING AREAS OF
DIFFERENCE, OR AREAS OF AGREEMENT?)

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CARTER: WELL, CLEARLY, TO TRY TO NARROW THE AREAS OF
DIFFERENCE WHICH IS A PHRASE THAT I USE CARRIES WITH IT
THE OTHER SIDE BEING THAT IF YOU NARROW THE AREAS YOU
EXPAND THE AREAS OF AGREEMENT.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (IS THE POINT OF EXERCISE, TO FIND THE AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND ELABORATE ON THEM?)
CARTER: CERTAINLY, WE WISH TO IDENTIFY, AND CERTAINLY IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE TWO SIDES COULD IDENTIFY THE AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND THEN MOVE INTO DISCUSSING OTHER AREAS IN AN ATTEMPT TO BOTH CLARIFY DIFFERENCES AND SEE WHAT COULD COME OUT OF THAT DISCUSSION.

QUESTION: MAY I ASK BOTH OF THE SPOKESMEN SURROUNDING YOU WHETHER THEY SEE AREAS OF AGREEMENT IN THE OTHER SIDES'S PROPOSALS AND IF SO, WHAT ARE THEY?

NADA: I THINK THE GAP IS STILL VERY WIDE. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR A MORE POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE ISRAELIS ROLL TO OUR INITIATIVES AND OUR PROPOSALS.

QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY AREAS OF AGREEMENT THAT YOU SEE?

NADA: I AM NOT DIRECTING MY ANSWER TO ANY SPECIFIC POINTS, I AM SAYING THAT WE HAVE OUR PORPOSALS AND WE ARE STILL WAITING TO SEE HOW THE ISRAELIS RESPOND TO THEM AND FROM THERE WE CAN TAKE IT, WE CAN EITHER RESUME THE TALKS, WE CAN THINK THEN ABOUT AREAS OF AGREEMENT, AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT, WE CAN DISCUSS DETAILS AND SPECIFICS.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

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LAVIE: I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUE FROM EGYPT THAT THERE IS A WIDE GAP, OTHERWISE WE WOULD NOT BE SITTING HERE. I AM VERY HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CLOSE THE TALKS AND BRIDGE THIS GAP. HOW LONG THIS WILL TAKE I CAN'T TELL YOU.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (IS THERE ANY QUESTION THAT THE TALKS WILL NOT LAST THROUGH TOMORROW?)

CARTER: THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE. (IS IT NECESSARY FOR US TO STAY OUT HERE FOR A SECOND BRIEFING THIS EVENING? COUNLDN'T IT BE IN LONDON?)

CARTER: I AM NOT EVEN SURE WHAT THE FORMAT OF THIS EVENING'S FULL BUCKET OF INFORMATION IS GOING TO BE, BUT THE ANSWER WOULD BE ALMOST CERTAINLY NO TO DOING IT IN LONDON PHYSICALLY. IT MAY BE IN FACT THAT THE ONLY THING IS GOING TO BE PROCIDED THIS EVENING IS SOME

KIND OF READOUT. (SEVERAL QUESTIONS RE PRESS FILING FOLLOWED).

QUESTION: WILL YOU ASK THE TWO SPOKESMEN IF THEY THINK THEY HAVE A CLEARER, A MORE DETAILED, A MORE PRECISE UNDERSTANDING OF THE OTHER SIDE'S POSITION?

LAVIE: MY ANSWER WOULD BE POSITIVE. I THIN SINCE LAST JANUARY THE LITTLE EXPERIENCE THAT I PERSONALLY HAVE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WE GOT MUCH NEARER TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER. THAT IS MY IMPRESSION FROM THE OTHER PARTY AS WELL.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

LAVIE: UNDERSTANDING, I SAID, THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEMS BEING PRESENTED TO US BY THE OTHER PARTY.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE (WHAT DOES THE EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN SAY?)

NADA: WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR A MORE CLEAR AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING BY ISRAEL OF OUR PROPOSALS.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE (TO EGYPTIAN: DOES EGYPT HAVE CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF ISRAEL'S POSITION THAN IT DID BEFORE THESE TALKS BEGAN?)

NADA: I DON'T THINK THAT THERE IS ANYTHING NEW THAT WE CAN REPORT NOW.

QUESTION: DID YOU DISCUSS THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION?

CARTER: WE ARE NOT GOING TO GO INTO SUBSTANCE OF THINGS BUT YOU ALL KNOW WHAT WE SAID WE ARE COMPING HERE ABOUT AND WHAT THE ELEMENTS OF THE PROBLEM ARE AND THEREFORE YOU CAN DRAW YOUR CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THIS.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE

CARTER: CERTAINLY. THE AGENDA WAS THE TWO PROPOSALS.

NADA: THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL FOR SELF-RULE AND THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL THAT WAS PRESENTED TO ISRAEL ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO.

CARTER: THOSE WERE THE TWO ITEMS.

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QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO EXTEND THE MEETING
'TILL THURSDAY?

CARTER: NO.

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QUESTION: IS THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES ON THE
AGENDA?

NADA: NO, THAT WAS NOT BROUGHT UP ON THE AGENDA.

QUESTION: HODDING, IS THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES
BEING DISCUSSED HERE?

CARTER: NO, WHAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW, TO REPEAT
MYSELF, IS GOING OVER THE PROPOSALS. EACH SIDE REVIEWED

THE OBJECTIVES AND ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF ITS PROPOSALS.
THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR. I CAN'T POSSIBLY
PROJECT FOR YOU WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN AFTER THAT,
ROY, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THIS REVIEW OF
OBJECTIVES AND PROPOSALS WILL GO OR WHAT FORM IT IS
GOING TO TAKE BEYOND TELLING YOU AT 4 O'CLOCK THEY ARE
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GOING TO COME BACK TOGETHER AGAIN TO CONTINUE THIS
PROCESS.

QUESTION: IS THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES ...

CARTER: ROY, I HAVE TOLD YOU WHAT WE DID TODAY. WE
DISCUSSED TWO PROPOSALS. I CANNOT POSSIBLY SPECULATE
ON WHAT DEVELOPS BEYOND THIS.

QUESTION: IS MR. ATHERTON GOING TO THE MIDDLE EAST OR
WHAT?

CARTER: I THINK A REPORT OF MR. ATHERTON'S TRAVEL PLANS
WILL PROBABLY BE MADE AT SOME POINT BUT I DON'T HAVE A
REPORT FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.

QUESTION: IS THAT A BY-PRODUCT OF THIS MEETING?

CARTER: I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ON IT.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

CARTER: MY FRIEND, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK YOU
KNOW. IF YOU PRINT WHAT YOU THINK YOU'VE PRINTED (SIC)
YOU'RE GOING TO BE WRONG ON ROY ATHERTON'S TRAVEL
PLANS. THAT'S WHAT I'M TELLING YOU. I MEAN, BECAUSE
IT JUST ISN'T SOMETHING THAT IS GIVEABLE RIGHT NOW.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

CARTER: I AM NOT A PARTICIPANT. I HAVEN'T OPENED MY
MOUTH EXCEPT TO COME HERE.

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QUESTION: HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE THE ROLE OF MR. VANCE?

CARTER: MR. VANCE WAS THE CONVENOR. HE ASKED THEM AND

THEY RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY AND HE SIMPLY OPENED THE MEETING WITH A FEW REMARKS ABOUT WHAT WE UNDERSTOOD COMMONLY WAS THE PURPOSE OF OUR BEING TOGETHER.

QUESTION: WAS HE A PARTICIPANT?

CARTER: HE ASKED SOME QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

CARTER: LOOK, HE IS A PARTICIPANT IN THAT HE IS THERE PHYSICALLY AND HE HAS TALKED.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

NADA: I DON'T KNOW OF SUCH A PROPOSAL, BUT WE HERE DON'T KNOW ABOUT SUCH A PROPOSAL.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

NADA: WE DID NOT READ THE PROPOSAL PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH. WE EXPLAINED AND ELABORATED ON THE PROPOSAL THAT IS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE FOR A NUMBER OF MONTHS AND IS KNOWN TO THE OTHER PARTY, AND WE ANSWERED QUESTIONS WE WERE ASKED.

LAVIE: IT IS AN EXPOSE OF OUR POSITION AND OUR PROPOSALS.

QUESTION: YOU SAY THAT OUT OF THE THREE AND A HALF HOURS THREE HOURS WERE TAKEN BY THE TWO SIDES?

CARTER: TEN MINUTES ON COFFEE (LAUGHTER). IN ESSENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL WE TALKED ABOUT WERE CLARIFICATIONS AND EXPOSITIONS ON THE TWO PARTY'S PROPOSALS.

QUESTION: WERE THESE CLARIFICATIONS FOUND OPTIMISTIC?

CARTER: THEY WERE FOUND SERIOUS AND...I CAN'T REMEMBER THE CHARACTERIZATION (LAUGHTER).

QUESTION (TO NADA): ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT YOUR DELEGATION IS GOING TO STAY HERE FOR THE FULL LENGTH OF THE TALKS?

NADA: WE ARE HERE UNTIL THESE TALKS ARE OVER, FOR THE TWO DAYS WHICH IS THE DURATION OF THE TALKS.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE.

CARTER: AS A MATTER OF FACT, A LARGE GROUP ARE LUNCHING TOGETHER AND WE DIDN'T GET TO FINISH LUNCHING TOGETHER, BUT THE THREE MINISTERS ARE SITTING TOGETHER AT THE END OF A VERY LONG BARONIAL TABLE AND THE REST OF US WERE SITTING FURTHER UP. WELL MIXED.

QUESTION: WHAT WERE THEY EATING FOR LUNCH?

CARTER: THEY WERE HAVING A VERY NICE SALMON...
(LAUGHTER).

QUESTION: THIS MORNING MR. DAYAN MADE SOME COMMENT ABOUT SECURITY. WAS HE SERIOUS OR WAS HE JOKING?

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LAVIE: THAT'S THE WAY HE FEELS. I THINK HE BELIEVES IT'S EXAGGERATED A LITTLE BIT.
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